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PANTHER CORONATION BALL PROMISES UNPRECEDENTED GRANDEUR

Will Henry Bennett and His Prairie View Collegians—Will Play For Coronation Ball



QUEEN TO REIGN AFTER CROWNING

By Jesse Hampton Sterling, '40

An unprecedented scene in the history of the Panther will be witnessed by those who are fortunate enough to attend the Panther's Annual Coronation Ball, Saturday Night, March 18, from 8 to 12, in the spacious Auditorium-Gymnasium, which will be beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The Ball will begin with the crowning of the reigning Queen for the present year, Miss Madalyn Freeman of Kansas City, Kansas, who was crowned Miss Prairie View at the annual football classic held in the Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Texas, October 17, 1938.

This ceremony will begin with the entrance of the procession of the Queen and her attendants. The procession will start from the front door of the Gymnasium and will proceed to the stage where the beautifully decorated throne will be constructed. The floor covering on which the procession will walk will be of purple and gold cambric. The procession will be in the following order: the lady maids, the runner-ups in the election contest, the two former queens, and Her Royal Highness the Queen.

After the procession has reached the stage the crown bearer will come forward and the Queen will be crowned by the Editor-in-Chief of the Panther, Lemmon C. McMillan.

The ceremony promises to have all of the pomp and splendor that goes with the crowning of a Queen. Those taking active part will be: the lady maids: Misses Wilhelmina Loeb, Aleice Phillips, Opal Christopher, Helen De Jean, Theola Pleasants, Ida Mae Boudreaux, Ethel McPeters, Golden Bradshaw, and Mabel Ayres; the runner ups, Misses Bernice Pruitt, Elaine Fowler, and Marguerite Howard; and the two ex-Queens, Misses Mabel Porter and Frances Ellison.

Library Brings More Art Exhibits To Campus

Continuing a practice begun in 1937-38 the college is again sponsoring a series of art exhibits to be shown in college libraries. Seven exhibits will appear in the 1938-39 series. All the seven traveling exhibits designed for the cooperation come from New York and each exhibit will remain on the campus approximately two weeks.

This year in addition to the nine founder member colleges, there are three more race institutions which have joined this movement to bring valuable artistic and historical material within reach of their students and faculty communities.

The group, organized in 1937 and now nearly two years old, includes Atlanta University, Florida A. & M., North Carolina College for Negroes, Fisk University, A. & M. College, Prairie View State College, Talladega College, Tuskegee Institute and Hampton Institute.

The newly enrolled colleges are Dillard University, Howard University and Virginia State College for Negroes.

VALENTINE POST OFFICE SCORES HUGE SUCCESS ON CUPID'S DAY

By Gladys E. Webster

First Lady Makes Surprise Visit

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, amiable first lady of the land, visited the campus for a brief period Tuesday, March 14, at 12:45 P. M.

Mrs. Roosevelt and her two-car party were on their way to another scheduled appearance of the first lady in her tour of Texas.

Promptly at 12:45 the students lined the main street of the campus and enthusiastically greeted Mrs. Roosevelt, who rewarded each round of applause with a smile and a wave.

Mrs. Roosevelt's visit was made possible by Mr. J. C. Kellum, State Supervisor of the N. Y. A. Her main purpose in coming was to inspect the N. Y. A. project here on the campus.

Mrs. O. L. Colter and Mr. J. L. Martin head this project.

On the 13th and 14th of February the entrance of the Old Chapel was decorated by a unique structure which served as a Post Office for the distribution of approximately 1,000 campus valentine greetings. A few yards away from the entrance a huge Panther directed persons to the Post Office.

This was something very unusual to the regular routine of issuing campus valentines. It served as a great help to the college Post Mistress who has heretofore distributed these greetings of cheer. It also served as a diversion for the student body.

Among those who served as Post Masters and Post Mistresses were: Lemmon McMillan, Editor-in chief; Miss Aldena B. Howell, Managing Editor; Jesse Sterling, Business Manager; Miss Ethel Alexander, Secretary to Staff; Herbert Coleman, Art Editor; J. W. Ainsworth, Agriculture Editor; A. E. Hollins, Society Editor; Miss Essie M. Thomas, Literary Editor; Miss Viola Whitley, Exchange Editor; Miss Doris Sampson, Music Editor; G. W. Lacy; Levi Curl; Misses Elma H. Coleman, Alice M. Jones and Gladys E. Webster, reporters.

Those persons who failed to call for their mail before the Post Office closed Tuesday evening received it from the mail carriers who carried it to the respective dormitories.

The Panther Staff and Student Body join in expressing their heart-felt sympathy to Mr. G. C. Bell and Bertha Lee Bell, whose brother recently passed away.

TEXAS COLLEGE DEBATE MAR. 24

Friday night, March 24, the Prairie View College Debating Society will meet its first opponent, Texas College, here on the College Campus in the beautiful Auditorium-Gymnasium at 7:00 P. M.

Texas College is considered as an ancient rival of the debating team. Last year was the first time in ten years that the Prairie View College debaters were able to win a debate from Texas College. Practically the same team that met Texas last year will oppose them again this year. The one exception is that Miss Katherine Wright, who won the beautiful trophy for being the most excellent debator last year, has been replaced. Miss Wright finished last May.

A significant fact to be noted about the team that will meet Texas College this year is that it will be composed of young men only. The team has worked hard under the guidance of its sponsor, Professor J. C. Davis, and is expected to be in excellent condition when it meets Texas College.

FRANKLIN WESLEY TO OPERATE MINIATURE STATION W 5 H G O

By Casey Jones

Franklin Wesley, a Junior Student of Prairie View in the Division of Mechanic Arts, is a licensed amateur radio station operator. Mr. Wesley also has a miniature station of his own, which is located in his room on second floor of Woodruff Hall.

Since he became interested in this type of work in 1934 Mr. Wesley, has conversed with station operators in four foreign countries, and all of the districts in the United States. Passing

the Radio Amateur Class B Test of the Federal Radio Communication Committee in June of 1938, he went on the air in August of the same year.

When Mr. Wesley was asked why he started in that field, he replied, "Radio operating is my chief hobby, and I spend all of my spare time at the dials of my transmitting set." He also stated that, he was enlarging his set at every opportunity. He believes there is a place in that field for Negroes, and is willing to do whatever he can to help enlarge

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PANTHER CORONATION BALL

7:30	Announcement
7:32	Coronation March
7:40	Crowning
7:42	Queen's Dance
INTERLUDE	
8:00	Dance

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GRADUATE STUDY FOR NEGROES

It is a matter of common knowledge that a double standard of education exists in the South. This double standard becomes more obvious when we consider discriminations which black Americans face with regard to matters such as buildings, equipment, teaching personnel, and facilities for graduate study.

These conditions are not recent in nature; rather they have been with us for the past 74 years, and have come to be an integral part of the educational philosophy of this section of the U. S. Hence it should be a matter of interest to every Negro student to observe a news article appearing in the January 8, 1939 issue of the Dallas News, leading publication of the Southwest, which deals with an attempt to alleviate one of these discrepancies—that of equal facilities for graduate study.

"Thirty thousand dollars annual increase at Prairie View College is for scholarship aid to qualified Negro students who have been residents of Texas more than eight years for graduate and professional study in approved colleges or universities outside of Texas admitting Negroes."

True, this action has not been approved by the legislature as yet, but every indication points towards its eventual passage.

Some may say that success has been achieved. But is this really success? Is it not true that only the initial step has been taken toward furnishing Negroes with an equal opportunity to broaden themselves in every conceivable way. This faint herald does not automatically presage the dawn of a new day. The Negro in Texas will attain his full stature only through tireless, unceasing labor. This has been fully exemplified by the struggle of Dr. R. T. Hamilton of Dallas for this bill, a struggle which has made political history in this state.

But this should not detract from our gratitude. We do appreciate this "gift," this effort of the legislature to remove this ancient maladjustment. We do thank them for their attempt to give us what should already have been ours.

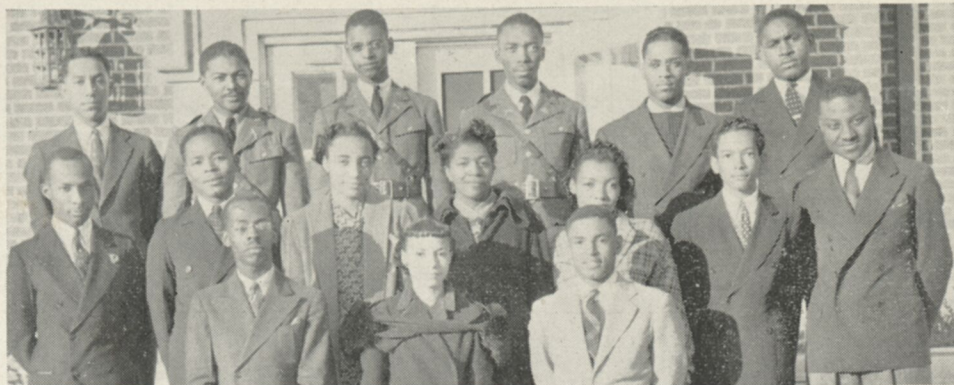
Yet, in the final analysis, this action can and must be regarded only as an added incentive to further effort toward our ultimate goal, complete equality of opportunity and participation in the political and economic life of our state.

WE MUST MAINTAIN OUR TRADITIONS!

Although somewhat unconsciously observed, Prairie View State College has numerous traditions. To be sure, many of our traditions are administrative in nature—such as the Annual Prairie View-Wiley Football Classic, Homecoming Day, The Annual Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Meets, the Annual Education Conference, and the kindness of the Faculty toward students. But there are also student traditions on our campus. One of the most outstanding of the student traditions is hospitality to visitors. Another important tradition of the students is the Senior Garden. A third is that of having a Senior section in chapel. Still another is that of selecting a "Miss Prairie View" each year. The Prairie View Song is another tradition of students, more or less. The student tradition that is most unconsciously participated in is the valiant SCHOOL SPIRIT manifested by Prairie View Students, and which we must, by all means, maintain.

All our traditions, whether built up by the Administration or by students, are worthwhile and socially necessary for the making of a "bigger and better Prairie View." Let us, therefore, become cognizant of our traditions, and let each student make himself a committee of one to maintain them.

Part of Executive and Editorial Staff of The Panther



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TALENTS

Here on Prairie View's campus is an array of brilliant talent. This talent is not concentrated in any one field of endeavor, but can be found in many fields. On all the pages of this student publication there can be seen some evidence of the work of numerous different talented students. As an outstanding example of this expression of talent in writing, there is the poetry that is carried in every issue of this paper. This poetry is written by students of Prairie View. Many of these students have had little or no formal training, writing because of the inner urge, the impulse, or the strong desire to express themselves.

There are many students here at Prairie View who possess talents, but are not putting them into use. These students remind one of the Biblical story of the talents. This parable points out the error which one commits in failing to use his talents. In this parable the individual instead of making use of his talent hid it for safe keeping, because he was afraid of the consequences if he should lose it. Students are not failing to make use of their talents because they are afraid of losing them, but because they are afraid of public opinion and lack initiative.

Too often when students, with whom we associate daily, attempt to do something creative, we view their efforts lightly or with criticism. It should be remembered that talents must be developed, that one cannot become a finished artist overnight. There is an old educational principle which holds that we learn to do by doing. Therefore it is obvious and logical to conclude that it is only through constant practice and efforts that one is able to approach perfection.

It behooves us as students to strive to find our talents. Then when we have found our particular talents, we should not hide them, but should seek to develop them at every opportunity. Not only that but we owe it to our fellow students and to ourselves to give encouragement to creative efforts. To possess talents and fail to use them or to discourage the use of talents is definitely unethical.

LETTER FROM A FATHER TO HIS SON

Dear Son:

I read your airmails, telegram, etc. I am very interested in your finishing there if possible, so long as you have started. It may mean much to you in the future. If you are embarrassed by staying there a few more months, think how long you will be so here where you intend to live. You may never see them anymore down there.

The trouble with you is that you are easily licked. You don't fight back. If you want to run home now anytime things don't go your way, what will you do when you are out in the world? Anybody can quit. It takes "guts" to go on.

I have been arranging things so I would be in a position to give you a good job when you come home, and Mama and the kids want to go see the "World Fairs." So don't throw a monkey wrench in the machinery.

Your Dad.

EXCHANGE NEWS

"GOOD WILL"

Every living soul thoroughly understands the meaning of that phrase so often spoken during Yuletide Season—"Peace, Good will toward men."

While we caught the spiritual meaning, it required the United States Supreme Court to define the commercial application.

"Good Will" said the court, "is the disposition of the customer to return to the place where he has been well served."

THE DAWN OF BETTER SCHOOLS

All Negro students should be aware of the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court which granted to Lloyd Gaines, a Negro Citizen of the state of Missouri, the right to attend the Law School of the University of Missouri.

THE VALUE OF MILITARY TRAINING

Captain Vernon Punch

In America, we generally concede almost without question, that there is a distinct quality about men and boys who have been benefited by military training which marks them as almost superior. If we stop to think a bit about the men who made history down through the ages, we might well recall that military men have climaxed their careers with distinguished service. In both civilian and military life have they excelled.

I say military training has its advantages in all walks of life. The man who can be depended upon for courtesy, loyalty and obedience is the modern minute man. Any young man, especially in his early formative years, who receives military training and learns the requirements of self-discipline is years ahead of others of the same age.

I do not sanction the arrogant and aggressive military actions of dictators who are now responsible for this splitting universal headache, but on the other hand, I feel, as should any right-thinking American citizen, that there should be no legislation on compulsory militarization, but feel that every man and boy, regardless of race, creed or color, who is an American might realize the responsibility he has in case of emergency, and thereby prepare himself to do his duty in protecting his nation from a world of possible chaos.

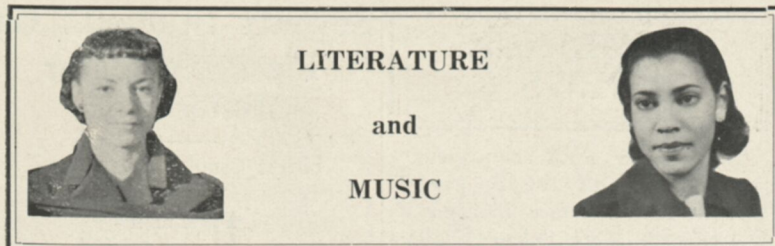
FLASH

The latest advancement in the field of Negro Journalism is the publication of an exclusive magazine which is proposed to be published twice a month.

We have long hoped for a Negro pictorial magazine that could continue to be as interesting as the first issue.

This magazine equals or surpasses all other Negro forms of news journals in styles and contents. It is devoted to Negroes of achievement.

See your local agent, H. T. Deon, Box 318, Campus, for subscription rates or single copies of this publication.



LITERATURE

and

MUSIC

COLLEGE LIBRARY OBSERVES NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

By Essie Marie Thomas

February 5-12, the college library following its annual custom, observed Negro History Week by displaying pictures of many of our outstanding Negroes in the field of music.

Among them were:

Jules Bledsoe of "Show Boat"
Nobel Sissle, orchestra leader and composer

Hazel Harrison, teacher at Howard University

William Allen, teacher at Fisk

Orrin Southern, teacher at Tuskegee

Nell Hunter of "Green Pastures"

Florence Cole Tolbert conducts her own studio in Memphis, Tennessee

Original Fisk Jubilee Singers
Coleridge-Taylor Choral Society, Washington, D. C.

Hampton Choir
Dett—Religious Folk Songs of the Negro

Howard—Our American Music
Johnson—Books of American Negro Spirituals

Kerbell—Agro-American Folk Songs

Lamark—Negro folk songs as sung by Lead Belly

Odum—Negro Workaday Songs
Scarborough—On the Trail of Negro Folk Songs

William L. Dawson is director of music at Tuskegee

Nathaniel Dett is director of music at Bennett

TO EVERYBODY

Someone has classified newspapers into two groups; those that print things which are interesting and those that print things that are important. Such a classification of course depends upon the reader. To the cultural reader, important things are interesting.

The well educated person knows what men have striven for and accomplished in the past. He sees history as a long struggle of man to obtain the necessities of food, clothing, shelter and to attain such great ideals as health and happiness, freedom from political oppression and peace among men. He sees the events of today as steps toward or away from still further achievements of these ideals. These events interest the cultivated person because they are important.

Your daily use of the newspaper in school will mean much to your future. Upon the newspaper you must depend through life for most of your knowledge of what is going on about you. If you use the newspaper only for amusement or entertainment, you may be as ignorant of your times as the French peasant whose first intimation that his country was engaged in war was when he heard the sound of the artillery at the final battle which was fought near the field in which he was hoeing. First choose a good newspaper. Then read it regularly. Remember what you read. Interpret the significance of the happenings of the day. Know the men and the daily acts of your time.

MUSICAL NOTES

By Doris Sampson

Many important events have attracted the attention of persons in and out of the music department.

On Sunday evening January 29, 1939, the Texas College A Capella Choir, under the direction of Miss Doris Novel, was presented in a recital in the Auditorium-Gymnasium. The program was interesting and thrilling to the entire audience. The Texas College Glee Club is well known in the state, because of the excellent and harmonious renditions of the group.

On Sunday evening February 5, during the Vesper Hour, the Music Dept. presented a program under the direction of O. A. Fuller. In the first part of the program Mr. Fuller, assisted by two soloists and the Fort Worth Quartette, led the audience in the singing of several familiar Negro Spirituals. The second part of program consisted of a question and answer contest and general subjects.

Students of the Music Department, under the direction of Miss N. C. Allen, presented a short recital of Chopin compositions at a meeting of the Nautilus Club on Thursday evening, February 9, 1939. Compositions included the more popularly known Preludes, Waltzes, Nocturnes, and Etudes. After the very excellently rendered program, a delightful repast was served.

WORDS AND MUSIC

"Words and Music" was observed by the student body at Prairie View, Sunday, December 4, at vesper hour, 7:00 P. M. in the gymnasium-auditorium.

The words and music were rendered by Miss N. C. Allen, organist, and the college Glee Club, directed by O. A. Fuller, head of the college Music Department.

The chapel was darkened, except for the stage footlights, and the purple curtain drawn, revealing the closed golden curtain. Concealed by the golden curtain, the Glee Club sang Christmas carols, and at intervals Mr. Fuller read yule-tide selections with a musical background of "Silent Night."

A MOTHER

A darken room—A gleam of light

A piercing shriek into the night
A tired haggard face smiles at the morn

Because that night—a child was born

A patter of feet—scampering down the lane

Two happy eyes watch through a grimy pane

As the boy with his puny power and might

Laughs and plays—the day into night

A smile—a blush—She's a dainty girl

Who shares this youth's broadening world

UTOPIA'S DREAM

By E. Gerald Price

What an odd collection of folk they were
My party must be a success—or flop

Do you see the young and old—the timid and bold

Mingling as one in one common hole

The low-brow elbowing with the cream of the crop?

Is it natural for the virgin with the prostrate to blend

For the divers races to chat as men of kin?

I'd never seen the successful hobnobbing with the flop

Or the rich finding solace with the poor—the cowards with brave,

Rarely, too, do trust-worthy consort with knaves

They were here through—Strange as it all may seem

I'll never be unable to understand it all

Though they came, danced and enjoyed the ball

Certainly this must be a dream—What a dream!!

—LOVES CURTAIN CALL—

The vine-covered Church stood in a mossy lane

The old man's nose pressed against the window pane

He saw the bride and the groom as they were wed

He heard the somber sermon—to the couple read

Now a bachelor—He'd had this very dream

Remembering now—How unfair it did seem

They'd met in school—He only a tot

The girl was the fairest of the lot
Years later saw him seeking the girl for his wife

But the girl's mother had sworn "Not on my life."

Apart they had drifted—Never again to meet

Steadily downward he'd gone—enroute to defeat.

What a shock to the couple as they departed that day

For on the walk—smiling-in death—the old man lay

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

By Nancy Byrd Turner

It's all very well, now you're tired and older,

To patronize Santa, The pesky old dear,

So chubby and tubby; to shrug a bored shoulder

And vow you'll be glad when he's gone for a year—

But the beech log's ablaze and the birch log's a-stew,

And you heart skips a beat in the midst of its mocking—

You know in your soul it is all you can do

Not to hang up your stocking!

It sounds very fine to say, "When we were little—"

And tell how you waited and wondered of yore;

But skies are so still and the stars are so brittle

It's all you can do not to dash to the door,

Knowing well, you would hear (though the tale's old and idle

Afar in the darkness a delicate thrumming

And cry: "It's the reindeer with bells on their bridles!"

Who wonders why this mother's tears are shed

The reindeer are coming!"

LIFE

By Hattie McGlothen

Life is like a football game,
Filled with thrills on every hand,
Sometimes you're up 'n sometimes you're down,
Sometimes you're almost crushed to the ground.

But as you try to reach your goal,
You must work both body and soul,

Because the world is in the stand,
Looking and criticizing on every hand.

They may yell loud if they think you will win,

They may plan to reward you victory at the end,

But just as sure as you begin to lose,

The whole crowd will give you "Boos."

In life you'll meet ends, centers, tackles, and guards,

But you must hit your lines and hit them hard,

You must tackle and be tackled, you must sometimes roll,

But never let no man keep you from your goal.

LETTER TO A STUDENT FROM HIS PASTOR

March 7, 1939

Dear Fellow Member:
The Membership Roll of St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church is incomplete without you. We have watched your growth, and in an humble way tried to nurture you in the fundamental truths of life. When you left us to go away to further your life work's preparation, we followed you with our prayers, hopes and fondest wishes. And now that you are away and in a new community life—the college campus—it is our hope that you will not forget the things you have been taught. Do not be too busy with your class room work and college duties to remember to seek the guidance of that Spirit, who is God. In communing with Him, you will find that He is the sum total of all the truth you seek. We trust that college life will serve to deepen your trust in God, rather than destroy it.

Remember, it is a privilege to be a Member of the Church of Christ, whose Supreme Objective is to make a better world.

St. Paul is looking forward to your return as a Member who has learned, in order that you may serve more efficiently. Study hard. "Seize the day." Make full use of your time. By all means, attend Church Services and other Meetings that will serve to aid your growth.

We shall expect to hear from you.

Yours very truly,
Your Pastor.

One should make it a rule never to let his work drive him, but to so master it and keep it in such complete control, and to keep so far ahead of it, that he will be the master instead of the servant.

GREATNESS

The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptations from without and within, who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully, who is calmest in storms and most fearless under menace and frowns.

OF EVERY BLOOMING GIRL

By Carl L. Russaw

Girls are as sweet as April blossoms,
They can't realize the fact they are.

When you look into one's face with a sanction,
Their smiles are as sweet as a June night in par.

Of every blooming girl that smiles,
We can't resist the temptation that floats,

That's the reason we make every girl in a gile,
To make the spring ball with the girl escort.

Of every blooming girl that is admired,
They may be as beautiful as white snow.

But they can't surpass that blooming attire,
I wonder if it would be lovely for them to know

Of every blooming girl that is affection,
The attitude will determine her advent.

That is one phase which causes great effecting,
Of every blooming girl love making event.

MY DREARY DAY OF MEMORIES

By Tom P. Charlton

On a dreary day I sat
On the veranda of Luckie Hall
Watching the grey skies above
And the rain with its continuous fall.

The rain seemed to fall from nowhere
But inside of myself I knew
It fell from the empty sky above
Colored grey, where it once was blue.

And through the grey misty sky
The sun made a great effort to shine,
But I did not long for the sun-shine
For, I felt, that dreary day was mine.

The fall always brings me sad memories
Of the long years that have gone by
Lonely memories of my dear mother
So lonely, that I thought I might die

For it was in the dreary autumn
When the leaves off the trees would fall
That my dear mother left me
In answer to my father's call

Although that

PANTHER LITERARY EDITOR WINS MANY AWARDS IN THREE YEARS

By Fannie Deloris Starks

Seldom is it the privilege of any institution to boast of a personality such as that found in Miss Alma Pennell. It is an honor for Prairie View to have such a talented woman on its campus. Miss Pennell is an accomplished poet, seamstress, and beauty culturist, and aside from all of this she is a very competent nurse.



ALMA PENNELL

One would think that a person so talented would be disagreeable and have no sense of humor, but this is not so in Miss Pennell's case; she has a very keen sense of humor.

Miss Pennell wrote her first poem in 1936 which was entitled "Despondency." The thing that encouraged the writing of this poem was the fact that she had been taught idealism. During Miss Pennell's childhood days she was continually coming in contact with idealism and was not allowed to face realities. After she began to get out in the world, so to speak, she came in contact with people who were altogether different from those ideals she had been taught to believe in. One day while sitting down thinking she gained the inspiration to write "Despondency."

In January, 1938, while a junior in Prairie View, she wrote what

she considers her masterpiece. The selection is called "Drums."

The first oil painting produced by Miss Pennell was a painting of Principal W. R. Banks. Miss Pennell has painted pictures of several students on the campus since that time. Of these paintings she considers that of Catherine Walls to be the most noted. Wherever Miss Pennell "takes a notion" to paint she paints. Several of her paintings may be found in the dormitory where she lived during her freshman year. She paints because of that inner urge that she has to reproduce the beautiful.

In November, 1938, Miss Pennell painted a portrait of herself which, together with the portraits of other students was exhibited in chapel.

Miss Pennell's love of people and sympathetic nature had a decided influence on her choice of nursing as her life's work. During her childhood days, Miss Pennell was a victim of a short illness and it was during this illness that she decided to dedicate herself to the lifting of falling humanity; she planned to do this by taking up Nurse Training and then going out into the world and helping her less fortunate sisters and brothers to gain their treasure of health again. In 1936 Miss Pennell entered the field of Nurse Training at Prairie View.

Says Miss Pennell, "I do not consider any of these things accomplishments because they were too easy for me to do. The only thing that I consider an accomplishment is the fact that through these various trades I have learned to appreciate people and have gained a better understanding of Human Nature."

COLLEGE LIBRARIAN TELLS OF HER ENJOYABLE WORK HERE

By Aldena B. Howell

In a recent interview by me, Mrs. Agnes Scott, College Librarian, who began her duties as assistant in the Kansas City Lincoln Branch Public Library on January 2, 1939, gave many interesting comments on her work here as librarian.

"I have enjoyed and profited by my work here in the library," Mrs. Scott said. "I have formed lasting friendships with the Faculty and many of the students on the campus, and I know I'll miss them—all," she mused.

I asked Mrs. Scott if she thought the general order in the library was better now than last year. "Oh, yes," she answered, quickly, "and I want the students to know how much I appreciate their cooperation in keeping good order in the library this year. I think there is much less noise than previously."

In discussing the library facilities, Mrs. Scott said that much of the useful material in the library is never touched. "I think that college students should read—read as much as they can find, on as many subjects as they can find," she said. "We never know what we are going to do when we graduate from college, and the more general knowledge we have,

the better we will be able to meet any difficulties that may arise," she stated. "Read everything possible; all your stored-up intelligence will come in handy when you get out in some isolated place to teach."

Continuing, Mrs. Scott said, "I would advise the Seniors, especially, to read all books on Business, English, Etiquette, and program preparation."

Mrs. Scott's duties at her new post will be mainly as children's librarian, a phase of library work she has always loved.

During the entire interview Mrs. Scott was unusually pensive. She concluded by saying, "Aldena, get all you can out of college that is worthwhile."

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Una McGriff doesn't talk much. Wilbur Eusan is sophisticated. Madalyn Freeman has several boy friends.

Jewell Williams isn't in love with J. C. Monroe.

Perry Johnson ran into a bed and received the gash in his lip.

Donald Brooks has lots of girls. A. C. Koontz is the toughest man on Woodruff Hall.

OUT

By Alma M. Pennell

I like the open spaces, wide,
Like the spacious green-treed
country-side
Where the stately oak, the willow
tree,
And whispering pines grow profusely.

I like to watch new life grow
In the springtime, and I like to
know
Where the Jaybird builds its
thorny nest,
And the Mockingbird's song is at
its best.

I like the sight of new-ploughed
fields,
And the rain-washed fragrance
new earth yields;
Out where a path is the only
street,
And the soft earth gives beneath
my feet.

Out where days are quiet and long,
Where hearts grow big and minds
grow strong,
Where one walks with God the
entire day
And learns of life from nature's
way.

FACULTY PRESENTS FIRST DEBATE OF THE SEASON

By Aldena Bernice Howell

In its annual debate, presented in the College Auditorium, Sunday, January 22, at the regular vesper hour, the Faculty Debating Teams, in the first debate of the season, argued the question, Resolved: "That the United States Should Cease the Use of Public Funds for the Purpose of Stimulating Business."

O. J. Baker, librarian; G. L. Harrison, head of education department; and N. T. Archer, principal of the Training School, comprised the affirmative. The negative was defended by J. C. Davis, professor of economics; G. W. Reeves, professor of education; and W. M. Booker, professor of biology.

Maintaining an assumed motto of "oratory, logic, and wit," the debaters reviewed and evaluated President Roosevelt's theory of "pump-priming;" the affirmative side giving its evils, and the negative side giving its benefits. According to many of the students, the debate was both informative and enjoyable.

Miss A. L. Campbell, of the English Department, was librarian for the affirmative team; Miss G. Holloway, Assistant College Librarian, was librarian for the negative team.

PRAIRIE VIEW AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR

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the possibilities.

A 75 watt transmitter for his station W5HGO is now under construction, which will enable him to contact more foreign stations, according to another statement made by Mr. Wesley. This station will form a net with the stations in Houston and Dallas which are also operated by Negroes.

Clarence Jones, a freshman student, from Dallas, Texas, also holds a license for an Amateur Radio Station Operator. Mr. Jones stated that he has studied this work for two years. It is also his hobby.

Other students that are aspiring

EXCHANGE NEWS

The Panther Staff acknowledges the exchange of the Booker T. Washington Informer (Booker T. Washington High School, Dallas, Texas), the Campus Digest, (Tuskegee Institute), and the Langston University Review, (Langston University).

We also acknowledge exchanges with the following papers:

The Campus Mirror
The Southern University Digest
The Painette
The Virginia Statesman
The Campus Digest
The Campus Echo

The staff also acknowledges the letter requesting the exchange of publications with "The Varsity," the student publication of Miner Teachers College in Washington, D. C. Other requests are invited.

Who's Who

(Campus Digest—Tuskegee)

"A signal honor has come to Tuskegee Institute in that, at the request of the editor of Who's Who among students in American Universities and Colleges, eight of our students are to be included in this representative volume."

Philosophy and Famous Last Words

(The Painette—Paine College)

"I had no shoes and complained until I saw someone with no feet which shows that nothing is so bad that it couldn't be worse."

"It ain't the lack of money that worries me. It's the things I want to do but can't do without it."

Humor

(Southern University Digest)

Teacher: "Mary, please give me several verbs."

Mary: "General words that are verbs are: United States, Japan and Germany."

Teacher: "Why do you call these words verbs?"

Mary: "We call them verbs because they show action, place or thing."

TACT

One of the most desirable possessions of any person, young and old, is tact—a power of moving on through life without constantly coming into collision with people and things and opinions. As yet no rules have ever been laid down by which one can learn to acquire tact. It is rather, the natural result of a disposition to make people with whom we are associated comfortable and happy.

to become amateur radio station operators, are Austin Cole, Junior, Traversia Viola, Senior. They will take their examinations to receive licenses in March.

LOVERS' LANE LOSES

During the past week, the students and faculty members witnessed the tearing down of one of the college's oldest landmarks—the old stone archway.

This archway will be missed much by those young men who used this spot to tell the "objects of their affection" just how much they loved them.

Seventy Students On First Semester Honor Roll

First Semester, 1938-39

Freshmen

Boudreaux, Ida Mae
Daniel, James Edward
Jacobs, Max Hamilton
Johnson, Freddie Lee
Mann, Mercedes D.
Martin, Daniel W.
Reeves, Lillian

Sophomores

Alexander, Marie Antoinette
Brooks, Donald A.
Browne, Reginald O.
Cole, Willie Jewell
Deon, Harding T.
Elis, Berthenia M.
Evans, Ada Louise
Jordan, Eva Mae
Lewis, Nellie Joyce
McLewie, Inez Frances
Mosley, Pauline J.
Murphy, John
Sutton, Percy
Thomas, Revoydia C.
Wall, Pauline
Williamson, Ethel J.

Juniors

Alexander, Ethel Beatrice
Allen, Clementine B.
Brooks, Marion Jackson
Browne, Ruby
Campbell, Lee Lewis
Coleman, Elma Hazel
Curl, Anna Melba
Edwards, Clell Miller
Giles, Leslie E.
Hornsby, Ella Louise
Howell, Aldena Berenice
Jefferson, Jennie Vee
Jones, Alice Marie
Patton, Charlotte R.
Rigmaid, Roscoe
Sampberry, J. R.
Sampson, Doris Eula
Sterling, Jesse H.
Turner, Melba C.
Warren, Marshall G.

Seniors

Brown, Ada B. Ray
Burns, Jim Henry
Byrd, Julius C.
Carter, Lillie Mae
Coleman, Roberta
Duke, Eloise D.
Ellison, Frances
Everhart, J. Lavert
Hollins, A. Edward
Ford, Arnetta
Freeman, Madalyn
Jones, Robert E.
Lewis, Roscoe
Long, Minnette
Mason, Leon U.
McGriff, Una M.
Pennell, Alma M.
Pigford, Lawrence
Pleasants, Theola
Poole, Preston
Randall, Berryissa
Taylor, Hobart
Thompson, Mary Constance
Wesley, Ira D. Franklyn
Williams, Terrell
Williams, Willie B.
Woods, Annabelle

HOLD CEREMONY FOR JAMES W. JOHNSON

Sunday afternoon, March 12, 1939, at 3 o'clock in the auditorium-gymnasium, a very impressive ceremony was held commemorating the late James Weldon Johnson who spoke at the dedication of the gymnasium exactly one year from that day.

The program was rendered by the graduate students. Mr. Chas. Harrison was chairman and was assisted on the program by the following faculty members: Prof. O. A. Fuller, Mr. C. S. Wells, and Miss Georgia Holloway.

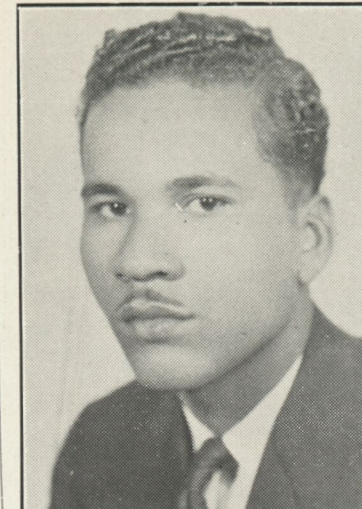
RETURN FOR AG AND HOME ECONOMICS MEET



JOHNNY WOODS, '38



IRENE HOLLEY, '37



RICHARD MOODY, '37

Miss Mabel L. Hood Attends Meeting For Librarians

Miss Mabel L. Hood, one of the few Negro women engaged in such a profession as a record hospital librarian has had the rare distinction of attending the institute for registered record hospital librarians at the University of Minnesota.

The profession of record hospital librarian is one that is not much sought after by our race because of training and employment in such a field is very difficult to obtain. However, we learn that it is an interesting and profitable vocation.

The meeting that was held at the institute in January, according to Miss Hood was attended by 125 Medical Record Hospital Librarians from 16 states and it was very interesting and profitable to all concerned.

When asked of her general opinion for the outlook of Negroes in this field, Miss Hood stated, "The profession is still that of the white race as far as training and employment are concerned."

Miss Hood received her training in the field of hospital work in Boston and did one year of residence work after completing the course at Provident Hospital, Chicago, prior to coming to us at Prairie View—where she is now employed as record hospital librarian. She is at present a member of the Texas Chapter as well as the National Association of registered Medical Librarians of North America.

10TH EDUCATION CONFAB IS HELD

With "The Negro Church in Texas as an Educational Agency" as a theme, the Tenth Annual Educational Conference met at Prairie View State College Friday, March 10, 1939.

This conference excited a great deal of interest, not only because of the large attendance of prominent educators, but also because of the intrinsic value of the subject and the manner of presentation. This conference marked the first time in the history of the state that a purely objective and rational study had been made of the Negro church.

The occasion was also interesting because of the large number of ministers present. Nearly 200 of the 1700 who attended the conference were ministers.

The principal speakers were

Varsity Debators Gather Material

The Sigma Nu Debating Society of Prairie View is now preparing for a series of debates to be held on and off campus during the months of March and April, 1938, officials reported.

J. Clarence Davis, coach of the Prairie View Debating Team, has been lecturing to the society on the techniques of debating over a period of three months, and the team is expected to make some good showings.

The question—Resolved: That the United States should cease to use public funds for the purpose of stimulating business—will be debated by Prairie View with teams from such schools as Bishop College, Marshall, Texas; Texas College, Tyler, Texas; Paul Quinn, Waco, Texas; Arkansas State, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma; and Tennessee State, Nashville, Tenn.

Persons supporting the negative for Prairie View are Charles Johnson, Misses Aldena B. Howell, Ethel B. Alexander, Mable Gee and Mary Rose Morgan. Those supporting the Affirmative are Messers. Jessie Sterling, K. H. Montgomery, and C. B. Bunkley.

DR. LAWLESS LECTURES TO STUDENT BODY

Dr. T. K. Lawless of Chicago addressed the men and women in special separate chapel sessions Wednesday, March 15.

Speaking to the men's group at 10:30 A. M. and to the young ladies at 2:30 P. M., Dr. Lawless emphasized the same practical subject, "Cleanliness."

Dr. Lawless spoke very frankly of the common skin diseases and venereal diseases that are so common to the human body. He offered as a remedy simple cleanliness, total abstinence, temperance, precautionary measures, and constant contact with a good and sympathetic physician.

This was Dr. Lawless' third appearance before a Prairie View audience.

Mr. D. B. Taylor, Special Supervisor of Negro Education; Mr. J. B. Cade, Head of the Arts and Sciences Division of Prairie View; and Mr. W. R. Harrison, Professor of Rural Sociology at Prairie View.

The courage we desire and prize is not the courage to die decently, but to live manfully. —Carlyle

H. E. Department Presents Show

By Elma Coleman

One of greatest sensations at the beginning of the second semester at Prairie View College was the presentation of the style show, "The Etiquette of Dress" in the Gymnasium-Auditorium Thursday evening, February 2, by the Home Economics Department, under the direction of Miss D. R. Hawkins.

In the midst of soft light and music by Director Will Henry Bennett and his Prairie View Collegians, the junior and senior women paraded the stage depicting proper hair-dress styles for oval faces, round faces, narrow faces and other shapes of faces.

Attractive accessories as lace collars, oil cloth collars, cuffs, bags, boleros, dress fronts, gloves, jenkins, girdles and hats, made by students in the Costume Designing Class, were among the many scenes presented.

Clothes for school, clothes for play, clothes for special occasions in every way were styled by nursery school children.

When the orchestra softly played "Two Sleepy People," Misses Minnette Long, Annie Melba Curl, and Mable Porter modeled glamorous negligees for morning wear. As Misses Louella Harrison and Essie Marie Thomas skipped and danced across the stage carrying the "Street Scene Placard," the ladies modeled proper clothes for town, shopping, business, and church, spectator and active sports.

During intermission Miss Janet Lawton provided thrills by presenting typical interpretative dances of Indian and Gypsy origin. Toward the close of the evening as the orchestra played softly "Let Me Dream," lovely ladies paraded across the stage under the glow of soft lights displaying glimmering formal and intimate gowns and evening wraps—all of which provided an appropriate ending to the evening's entertainment.

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT IS GREAT SUCCESS

The visual instruction class of agricultural has just concluded its exhibits of improved farm practices. Each class member constructed an individual project illustrating his idea of what the economical way will do toward rural improvement.

The exhibit room of the agricultural building was the seat of display. Large tables were built to flank the walls on all sides and on these tables were placed the exhibits. Displays included methods of gopher control, the renovation of old furniture, co-operative for well digging, feed for the laying flock, the home mixing of paints, and increasing the family linen supply. Probably one of the most unique exhibits was the model agricultural classroom in miniature. There were desks and chair, wall pictures, doorways and the complete equipment necessary for a N. F. A. meeting.

All projects were completed under the supervision of Mr. L. A. Potts, head of the department and teacher of visual instruction. These exhibits will be preserved for display during the Educational Conference and other such meetings that will occur throughout the year.

Y W C A Program Of Future Activities Worked Out

In the spring of 1938, the old and new cabinet of the Young Women Christian Association met and worked out a program for the school year 1938-1939. The present Y. W. C. A. cabinet has taken these plans, that were made for the months of September, October, November, December, January and February, off paper and made them into activities of the "Y".

These activities for September consisted of aiding the Freshmen students to become adjusted to Prairie View by aiding them with their registration, giving for them a special tea at which they were introduced to old students, each other and to faculty members, and the Freshman Fellowship Club was organized. The discussions of the September meetings attempted to acquaint the students with the "Y", its plans for the year and its affiliations.

October opened with the recognition service which was a Candle light service giving recognition to new members and rededication to old members. In the regular meetings, discussions were led by Miss A. M. Munden, Miss Aldena Howell and Miss A. L. Campbell on the Traditions of Prairie View.

In November Misses Doris Branch and Ada Louise Evans led discussions on "Improving Our Personality." In the last meeting of the month Mr. C. L. Upthegrove discussed "The Place of the Christian Minority in the World's Conflict."

The most outstanding activities of the "Y" for December were: The Annual "Y" Dance which the YWCA gave jointly with the YMCA and the Interracial Conference of the Southwestern Region of Texas which met at Prairie View in December with the Prairie View YM and YWCA as hosts. The discussions for December centered around "The Place of the Christian Minority in the World's Conflict" which was also the theme of the conference and around Christmas.

The high point for January was a panel discussion on "The Church and the Community."

During the month of February, the YWCA has carried out its program in keeping with Negro History. For the first meeting of the month during Negro History Week Misses Eula Mae Taylor and Anna Melba Curl presented at the regular meeting of the week important figures both late and contemporary in Negro History. For February the "Y" also cooperated in bringing to the campus Mr. Kirby Page on Race Relations Sunday. At the second meeting of the month Mrs. G. V. Banks made an interesting lecture on Negro Literature.

Other Activities of the "Y" have been hikes from time, fun nights and retreats.

These activities that have been carried out by the Y. W. C. A. have been carried out for the purpose of developing the mind, body and soul of the Prairie View Student Girl. In keeping with the above statement, the Y. W. C. A. extends an invitation to all young ladies of Prairie View to meet with them each week at 6 o'clock on Wednesday evenings and to take part in all other activities sponsored by the "Y."

CO-ED CLUB



HERE AND THERE

It is the desire of every sophomore woman student to become a "Co-ed." This desire culminates in October. On this day the "nitters" wear grotesque, picturesque and to some extent, weird costumes, according to the disposition of their mistresses. Such color combinations as a bright red skirt and a bright orange blouse may be worn by a rouge colored "nitter;" or one may have on a party dress with boots, and a man's hat. Another may have her hair wrapped with white strings, while her shoes and hose may be unmatched. Still another "nitter" may be wearing a very short dress, such as was worn during the years of 1928-1929. Many of the mistresses make their "nitters" wear excessive makeup, and all of them are required to carry brooms or brushes to sweep the sidewalk before their various mistresses, or to brush their mistress' coat off. At the dinner table the "nitters" must parade around the dining hall several times before grace is sung.

To end the "nitter day" ceremonies, the "nitters" are usually given a social by the charter members of the Club. From thenceforward, the sophomore lady is a "Co-ed"—wise, self-important, collegiate.

Debating Society Begins Its Work

According to recent reports from Miss Aldena B. Howell, President of the Sigma Nu Debating Society, approximately 20 debaters have begun work on their speeches for the intercollegiate debates. The subject to be debated this year is "Resolved: That the Government Should Cease the Use of Public Funds for the Purpose of Stimulating Business." The question involves the issue of the profitability of "Pump Priming."

Among the outstanding debaters of last year who are trying for a place on the varsity team this year are: Joseph Reyes, C. B. Bunkley, Miss Aldena Howell, Miss Susie Geter, K. H. Montgomery, and Nathaniel Hardin. Among the new members are: Misses Jennie V. Jefferson, Millie Shavers, Ethel Alexander, Mary Rose Morgan, Geraldine Walker, Mercedes Mann, Mable Gee, Viola Jordan; and Messrs. Jesse Sterling, Olin Meador, James Grant.

Busy Man's Creed

I believe in courtesy, in kindness, in generosity, in good cheer, in friendship and honest competition. I believe there is something doing somewhere for every man ready to do it.

as the Adult Group No. 2.

Officers of the Sunday School are: Superintendent, M. E. Crawford; Asst. Superintendent, J. Hampton Sterling; Secretary, Theola Pleasant; Assistant Secretary, Aldena Howell; Treasurer, Eula Mae Taylor.

The Prairie View-Dallas Club has begun to lay plans for its annual "homecoming" dance in May.

Officers of the Club are: President, Lemmon McMillan; Vice President, Tollie B. Roberts; Secretary, Susie Geters; Business Manager, L. G. Brotherton; and Treasurer, J. Hampton Sterling.

The Le Cercle Francais Club holds its meetings regularly each month.

The Club is composed of members of the French classes taught by Miss Joanna Terry and Mr. C. E. Carpenter.

Officers of the Le Cercle Francais are Calvin Boze, President; Aldena Howell, Vice President; Ethel B. Alexander, Secretary; Jessie Hodges, Treasurer; Marie Alexander, director of Music Activities; and Melba C. Turner, Chairman of Program Committee.

The Prairie Sunday School Staff is busy making plans for their second semester's activities. A new class has been organized under the direction of Miss A. C. Preston. The group will be known

PRAIRIE VIEW HAS SENTRY WHO IS ON GUARD NIGHT AND DAY

Did you know that Prairie View has a sentry who works twenty-four hours a day? He may doze but he never sleeps! He works all over the campus and everybody considers it the height of ignorance to not know him! He can go anywhere and is cordially invited. Nobody resents him. In fact, it is considered an honor to be in his presence.

Don't know him, do you? Nope it isn't "Buck Mix!" And he even goes more places than Mama Greene or Miss Suarez would ever dare go! And to make it even more of a riddle to you, he makes all of the best chapel programs—only those that are of the highest cultural quality. It is not even Principal Banks because he has to sleep and this fellow passes on more business during the day than the busiest executive on the campus.

But atlas! After all his years on the campus, I must admit that he is still Freshman—a Freshman because that is his name. Yes sir, our own four-legged,

Officers Entertain Girl Friends

"The Commissioned and Non-commissioned Officers of Prairie View State College R. O. T. C. request the presence of Miss—"

at their Pre-Valentine Entertainment Saturday evening, February 11, 1939, in the Home Economics Building from 4:30 to 7:00 P. M.

So read the invitations to the most gala event of the season, when the dignified officers entertained their girl friends.

The party was precursor to the remainder of the entertainments which will be held during the season.

The room was decorated in typical Valentine fashion. Red, white, and assorted colors of balloons hung from the ceiling. The walls were decorated with red and white streamers. Tables were arranged about the rooms where young people in uniforms and gaily colored dress played various games as their favorite records were played on the victrola.

The color scheme of the menu was red and white as exemplified in red and white ribbon sandwiches, red pear salad, red candy hearts, cookies, ice cream, and red fruit cocktail. Napkins, cups, plates, and tallies were also of red and white heart designs.

To climax the evening the party left the Home Economics Building for the theater. A special section was reserved for the party. Its arrival caused much commotion, but all of which was friendly.

Of course "follow the fleet" is an expression used universally, these young ladies modified it slightly, for although there was no fleet, the uniform still was followed! What about it girls?

Three Major Plays Presented By The Dramatic Club

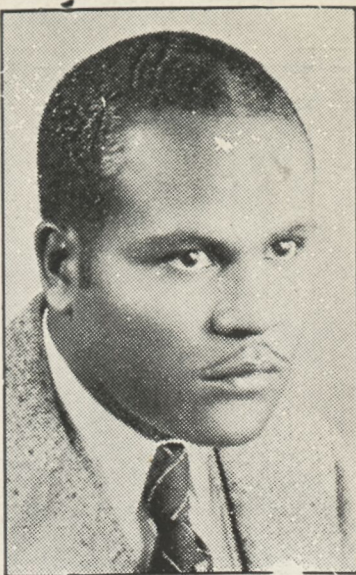
The Charles Gilpin Dramatic society has presented three major productions this year, the last of which was "The Hat Box Mystery" under the able direction of Dr. Earl L. Sasser. The production featured the following student actors and actresses: Misses Nellie Joyce Lewis, Benjamin Langston, Chrystell Vaughters, Ada L. Evans, and Martha Moore; Messrs. G. W. Mervin, James Peterson, and Eldridge Price.

This drama portrayed such superb acting that it has been selected as one of the travelling productions. It will be presented to a Bishop College audience on March 17 in Marshall, Texas.

Three one-act plays were presented by the instructors of the English Department under the auspices of the dramatic club. These were titled "Ladies Alone," "It's an Ill Wind," and "The Valiant."

A. C. Lamb, eminent dramatic club sponsor, has begun writing a play which promises to gain much of the interest and recognition of the dramatic minded persons of the campus, state, and country. The title will be given when the production has been completed.

The Oral Reading Group meets Friday afternoon at 5:45. All persons interested are encouraged to become regular attendants in order to increase their possibilities of becoming bigger and better actors and actresses.



Mr. Roby W. Hilliard, Personnel Director and Commandant of the R. O. T. C., is largely responsible for the new interest that is being shown by the young men in developing an appreciation for the finer things of life.

PRAIRIE VIEW R. O. T. C. INSPECTION HELD

For some time the R. O. T. C. of Prairie View College had been making preparations for the annual inspection by the Inspector General of the Eighth Corps Area Headquarters.

Friday, March 3, was the day. Colonel Spencer inspected the battalion and passed complimentary comments on its precision, neatness, and military bearing. The Colonel found no faults, even when asked for them.

SENIORS HOLD ANNUAL FROLIC

Xmas Tree, Xmas Carols, Gifts And Santa Claus Add To Annual Yule Party

Continuing a practice which started in the freshman year, the senior class held its fourth annual Christmas frolic in the laundry at 7:00 p. m. Tuesday, December 20, 1938.

"Although the number has dwindled from 347 in the class's freshman year to 114 in the present group, the class has outlined a program just as elaborate as any other year," says Lemmon McMillan, class president. "What we lack in number we make up in enthusiasm and spirit," he said, "So why change a successful practice just because our number has fallen off. This is no more than we expected even in our freshman year. Our program for this year will be just as entertaining as any."

The class had a giant Christmas tree decorated and filled with presents for every member of the class. Santa Claus himself issued the gifts. The gifts were made possible by the seniors themselves, each having drawn the name of the recipient of his gift from a box at a previous meeting. The gifts were handmade by the persons giving them. Ahmed Rayner acted as Santa Claus. Miss Juanita Prudhomme directed Christmas carols and appropriate yuletide games.

The entire class program was in charge of Miss Mabel Porter, Home Economics major and senior.

The senior men were hosts to the senior women at this meeting as a result of a reciprocal agreement between the two.

DENNIS ASKEY



Dennis Askey, business manager of both the Senior Class and the Panther, has withdrawn from school in order to take up a position in his home town, Fort Worth.

Mr. Askey has been very popular among the students for the past two years. He reached the height of his popularity last year when he was elected Chairman of the (now extinct) Student Guidance and Personnel Committee over Mr. Hobart O. Thomas, then Editor of the Panther.

'Y' DANCE IS GALA OCCASION

The Prairie View student body danced again to the music of Will Henry Bennett and his Prairie View Collegians Saturday Evening, December the tenth, from eight to eleven at the "Y" social. This event has been an annual affair for the last few years. This year's dance was a semi-formal affair.

The young men called for the ladies of their choice at 7:40 and escorted these fair dandels to and from the dance.

The Gymnasium-Auditorium, which was the scene of the affair, was decorated in rustic style. Brush, moss, shrubbery, limbs of trees and everything which tended to add to the look of unadornedness was used as decoration. The lighting was dim.

There was a grand march which was led by Miss Prairie View and the president of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s.

Each student was given a dance program. Many claim this dance was the most enjoyable "Y" dance ever held on Prairie View's campus. Many visitors from nearby towns were present.

KANDID KAMPUS KOMMENTS

With the passing of a rather dull winter season and the approach of spring, we refrain from making too many factual statements concerning campus affairs.

Along with Mother Nature's desire to shed the old and take on the new, it is believed that the "one day boys" will change as often as the march winds.

Speaking of changes, we wonder if Miss Mattie Davis, who changed from Private Francis to Captain Punch, has changed for the last time.

Mr. Maurice Moore staged the most surprising comeback of the school year. After taking it on the chin many times the first semester, Mr. Moore came back fighting and apparently now has things under control.

We wonder why Mr. Earl ??? ???? was strutting like a hen with chicks during the recent county agents' meet. Was it because Mr. Carilly Redus was too busy to see Miss Elaine Fowler or vice versa?

It is rumored that Mr. Perry Johnson, Woodruff's gift to the pugilistic world, will select Joe Louis as his next opponent. Mr. O. Pickett and Mr. J. Byrd, his recent sparring partners, say Mr. Johnson can really take them on the chin.

The boys are wondering who caused Mr. Traversia Viola to adopt the theme song "I'm Thru With Love."

After successfully staving off attack of Mr. L. J. for the affections of Miss Golden Bradshaw, Mr. Willie Stevenson is now planning a way to stop the frequent visits from Fort Worth and Houston.

It's really nice to look out for your room-mates and friends. At least Mr. Robert Lockhart doesn't find it hard to entertain Miss Chrystine Roberts in the absence of Mr. Dennis Askey.

They say a rolling stone never gathers moss. Don't mistake Mr. A. Pemberton's hair for moss but he's really sticking to Miss Betty Merrill.

LILLIE MAE CARTER



Miss Lillie Mae Carter, member of the Senior Class, Glee Club, and honor student left school at mid-term in order to take up a position in the Galveston High School from which she was graduated.

Miss Carter was a major in the social science division and was outstanding for her scholarship—a rare combination of beauty and brains.

Try and answer the following questions. When you do, address the answer to the Panther, K.K.K.

What young lady has the distinction of wearing the medal of a certain track star? The young man is from Bay City, and the lady from Beaumont.

What has happened to the romance between Mr. R. S. and Miss H. J.?

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Dr. Kirby Page, Well Known Lecturer Speaks Here

On Sunday, February 12, 1939, Dr. Kirby Page visited the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College. Dr. Page is a well known international lecturer, exhorter, and author. He spoke on the subject "Service of Worship for International and Interracial Brotherhood."

The gist of the speaker's lecture which was held during the regular chapel hour may be summarized in two words or phrases: first, those qualities which lead for greatness, second, racial differences. In answer to his question of what makes one great the lecturer stated three qualities. They are as follows: first, awareness of human pain and suffering, second, having a friend and being a friend, third, alternation between business and meditation. These also lend much toward happiness. If we are aware of human suffering, the speaker related, and attempt to re-adjust this condition we learn to be happy. If we let go of business long enough we may better face the great problem of re-adjusting social trends which inevitably are on the decline. If we have friends we have confidence in life and are better able to cope with the problems of life.

Dr. Kirby's statement concerning the differences between races was quite an appropriate one. He stated, "In all my travel I have discovered that the likenesses and similarities of people are by far more significant and obvious than are their differences."

Near the conclusion of his speech Dr. Kirby made a very epigrammatic sentence, and that was, "The more we have to work under conditions of strain the more terrific becomes life's burden."

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LAWRENCE PIGFORD



Lawrence Pigford, a member of the Senior Class, Mechanic Arts Division, Glee Club and a captain in the R. O. T. C. unit, left school at mid-term in order to accept a position at Mexia High School as instructor in manual training.

Captain Pigford was known on the campus as a very conscientious worker in any worthwhile project. He came to Prairie View in his sophomore year from Paul Quinn and proved to be quite popular with his teachers and classmates. Pigford hails from Bryan, and did his major study in woodwork.

DRIPPINGS FROM THE PEN OF AN NYA SCRIBE

By James W. Parker

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Editor and other members of the Panther Staff for allowing us the privilege of airing our reflections in this publication. We are also very grateful for the privilege of either attending or participating in extracurricular activities on the campus.

This week finds the boys looking forward to completing the organization of a club among themselves. For some unknown reason they have failed to come to an agreement upon what must be done. Each one shifts the blame on the other with the accusing statement: "You don't know parliamentary ethics." Just who is to blame will apparently have to be decided by the House of Representatives or the Senate at Austin.

Can Ya Beat It

Elwood Dancy and James W. Parker joining with the choir, Leonard Hemphill socializing, Alvin M. Tucker missing a meal, Marsree Booker trying to use caveman tactics, Jesse E. Williams not getting any phone calls, Woodrow Wilson really getting serious, Ovid Smith not using his Southern accent, Rupert Burks lending me a nickel. Just think of it.

Note

If the pants Elmer McClinton is tailoring come out all right, he may be our tailor from now on.

LOOK, LADIES, LOOK

Several members of the Junior Class have organized a Gigolo Club. Order the type of man you desire, enclosing .05 cents with each order and he will be sent to you. Address all mail to Mr. L. G. Brotherton, President. Send your order early and avoid the rush.

They Made A Successful Football Season

FOOTBALL ROSTER



First row—John W. Montgomery, 6' 6", 220 lbs., Junior, Henderson, Texas, Tackle; Curtis Marks, 6' 1", 190 lbs., Sophomore, Paris, Texas, End; Sam Cade, 5' 11", 185 lbs., Senior, Houston, Texas, Tackle; Richard Cannon, 5' 11", 164 lbs., Freshman, Fort Worth, Texas, Tackle; Lee G. Brotherton, 5' 10", Junior, Dallas, Texas, Guard; Wister Lee, 6', 175 lbs., Sophomore, Corsicana, Texas, Back; Andrew Byrd, 5' 10", 182 lbs., Junior, Houston, Texas, Guard; Herbert Bailey, 5' 9", 163 lbs., Sophomore, Cameron, Texas, Back; Leroy Marion, 6' 2", 187 lbs., Texarkana, Texas, Guard; Frank Slider, 6' 2", 192 lbs., Sophomore, Temple, Texas, End; General Hamilton, 5' 7", 170 lbs., Junior, San Marcos, Texas, Back.

Second row—Jacques Patterson, 5' 8", 162 lbs., Freshman, Gary, Indiana, Back; John C. Burton, 6' 2", 220 lbs., Freshman, Corpus Christi, Texas, Center; Rhodes; R. B. Howard, 6' 1", 194 lbs., Sophomore, Ardmore, Oklahoma, Guard; Roosevelt Brown, 5' 8", 142 lbs., Freshman, Cameron, Texas, Back; Joseph Kennedy, 6' 1", 196 lbs., Senior, Houston, Texas, Tackle; Penn McElroy, 5' 9", 165 lbs., Junior, Fort Worth, Texas, Back; Eugene Jackson, 5' 5", 185 lbs., Sophomore, Kendleton, Texas, Back; O'Neal Baldwin, 5' 7", 155 lbs., Freshman, Liberty, Texas, Back; Jimmie Powell, 5' 9", 165 lbs., Junior, Temple, Texas, End; Coach Booker.

Third row—Coach Taylor; Ernie Whitehead, 6' 2", 186 lbs., Freshman, Hillsboro, Texas, Tackle; Andrew Hopkins, 6', 195 lbs., Freshman, Crockett, Texas, Back; Von Beulow Hollins, 5' 11", 190 lbs., Junior, Houston, Texas, Back; Charlie Sims, 5' 6", 167 lbs., Junior, Dallas, Texas, Back; Arthur Lilly, 5' 10", 175 lbs., Sophomore, Hempstead, Texas, End; Charles Lucas, 5' 7", 150 lbs., Senior, Bay City, Texas, Back; George Phillips, 5' 8", 163 lbs., Freshman, Cleburne, Texas, Back.

Fourth Row—Shermont King, 6' 3", 180 lbs., Junior, Crockett, Texas, End; Marvin Calhoun, 5' 9", 152 lbs., Galveston, Texas, Back; Freeman Terrell, 5' 10", 164 lbs., Junior, San Antonio, Texas, Back; Aaron Reams, 6', 185 lbs., Freshman, Little Rock, Arkansas, Guard; Timothy Banks, 5' 10", 175 lbs., Little Rock, Arkansas, Guard; Isaac Nelson, 6' 2", 198 lbs., Ocala, Florida, Tackle; Lonnie Powell, 6' 2", 190 lbs., Wiergate, Texas, End.

Fifth row—Hodge King, 5' 11", 170 lbs., Junior, Atlanta, Georgia, Tackle; DuBois Richardson, 6' 2", 165 lbs., Sophomore, Texarkana, Texas, Center; Percy Faulder, 5' 10", 165 lbs., Sophomore, Corpus Christi, Texas, Guard; Coy Kirkendall, 6', 178 lbs., Freshman, Corpus Christi, Texas, Tackle.



Andrew Hopkins, who has been acclaimed most valuable blocking back by his team mates. Hopkins is a Freshman.



Wister Lee, undoubtedly the Southwestern Conference's No. 1 passer, has had the distinction of holding the title of most valuable passing back for the 1938-39 season. Lee's services are available for two more years.



Robert B. Howard, big 194-lb. Sophomore has had the honor bestowed upon him by his fellow Panthers as being the team's most valuable lineman. He's a product of Ardmore, Oklahoma.



"MISS HOME COMING," MISS PRAIRIE VIEW" AND COURT
Reading from left to right—Lemmon McMillan, Eloise Duke, Lawrence Pigford, Bernice Pruitt, Hobart Taylor, Jr., Lillie Mae Carter, Madalyn Freeman, "Miss Prairie View," Dora Lee, "Miss Home Coming," Frances Ellison, Mabel Porter, Dennis Askey, Elaine Fowler, Maurice Moore, Marguerite Howard, and Mr. O. J. Thomas.

Captain Sam Cade



Captain Cade completed his eligibility during the past football season in a blaze of glory during the Tuskegee game January 2. Cade plays tackle and has won All-Southwest laurels at this position.



Frank Slider, Sophomore, who comes from Temple, Texas, by virtue of the fact that he has been the most efficient end, both defensively and offensively, was named on Frank Young's All-American Team.



DOROTHY JOHNSON
Majorette Dorothy Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas, whose beauty and ability have won for her a large place in the hearts of P. V. students and football fans all over Texas.

All-Opponent Team

Each year during the course of the season, every team the Panthers meet show more power at some particular position than all the other teams whom they have played. At the end of the season it is customary for them to pick what is known as an all-opponent team:

All-Opponent Team for 1938		
Player	Position	School
Joseph	LE	Southern
Biggs	LT	Texas
Peters	LG	Southern
Upchurch	C	Wiley
Minfield	RG	Langston
Eaton	RT	Bishop
Lewis	RE	Arkansas
Bissant	QB	Wiley
Vaughn	LH	Southern
Holley	RH	Bishop
Pelican Hill	FB	Southern

ALL-CAMPUS FOOTBALL TEAM

Official all-campus team picked by the Panther Staff from the all-opponent teams submitted by the four class teams.

First Team

Name	Position	Classification
William Farris	E	Sophomore
M. D. Marshall	T	Senior
Hawthorne Alexander	G	Senior
Perry Johnson	C	Senior
Marvin Calhoun	G	Junior
Mathes Dickson	T	Sophomore
Lowell Jones	E	Junior
Penn McElroy	B	Juniors
Cornelius Young	B	Juniors
Alonzo Pemberton	Q	Senior
Charlie Simms	F	Junior

Second Team

Name	Position	Classification
Milton Fleming	E	Senior
Roosevelt Jones	T	Senior
George Durham	G	Senior
Fred Stone	C	Junior
L. G. Brotherton	G	Junior
C. B. Bunkley	T	Sophomore
Norman Bell	E	Junior
Robert Lockhart	B	Senior
Adolph Jackson	B	Freshman
Eugene Jackson	Q	Sophomore
Benny Ackerman	F	Freshman

CLUBHOUSE CHATTER



Capt. Robert L. Payne ends four years of valuable service in basketball. He plays forward, and a lots of it!

Basketball

Many of the past season's football players have donned shorts and tennis and are showing up very well at basketball. Among some of these gridmen who took to the court are Richard Cannon, valuable forward; John Montgomery, who was remodeled overnight from a stalwart tackle to a "hard blocking" guard in basketball; Arthur Lilly was making good at the game when the semester ended and he left for Oklahoma. Lonnie (Red) Powell, who had been making the crowds stand up and cheer with his many long shots and very fine work at guard, found it "inconvenient" to stay in school for the second semester, and now he has "gone contract"—a valuable cage man to lose.

It seems that we may rightfully call Phyllis Wheatley High in San Antonio Prairie View's basketball farm. In the past several seasons it has been our good fortune to get such cage stars as Clarence Blocker, 1938 graduate, who was a four-year letterman; George (Goop) Stewart, 1938 graduate, and sparkling guard. And at present we have Captain Robert Payne, a senior who has lettered four years, Shelby Blocker, Vinson Collins, who handles a ball like nobody's business and is here for his first year, Madison (Monkey) Tyler and Daniels.

Misses Charlotte McKinney and Vivian Townsend hold high the banner for the girls from the Alamo City.

TRACK

During Coach Taylor's absence with the basketball team, Mr. C. E. Carpenter, ex-trackman of U. C. L. A., is whipping the twenty or more runners and field men into condition. At present the men have been doing only conditioning work, but before the first of March things will tighten up. Roscoe Holland, a sophomore, looks now as if he'll place well up in the 880 yard run this season. He's a natural runner and if you remember the lad, he's the one who finished second in the five-mile cross-country run last December.

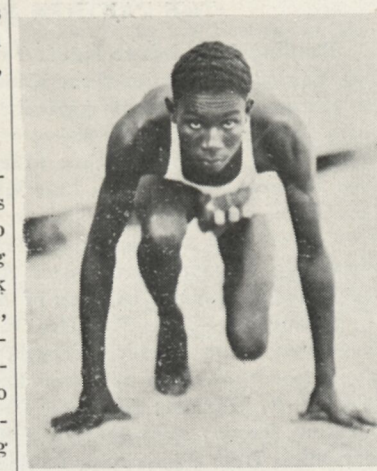
Isaac T. Nelson, letterman in football who is a resident of sunny Florida, shows lots of natural speed and bids strongly for a berth on the varsity sprint team.

Edgar Sadberry is reputed to be a very good all-around athlete and we'd sure like to see him stick with track. He's showing up fine for the middle-distances.

Fred Batts, the brother of William Batts, one of the original four V-S's, is likely to lead the field in the sprints if he has the will and spirit of his brother.

Upshire Sams was awarded a big three-layer cake, given by the Home Economics Department, after winning the cross country race over five other opponets, Saturday, December 3.

Men entering the race had been training under the direction of Captain Alliniee.



CO-CAPT. FRED ALLINIEE

With the loss of John Marion, National A. A. U. track star, acting captain, Fred Alliniee has been out daily aiding the newcomers in many ways. He has been assisted by other members of last year's team who are: J. Harris, K. Dangerfield, M. Chambers, F. Gardner and L. Giles. The new candidates are: E. Simms, J. Hill, R. Rigmaiden, E. Sadberry, R. Holland, J. Jackson and A. C. Koontz. Members of the football squad who have not reported for track are: C. Marks and V. Hollins of last year, and I. Nelson, freshman.

Coach Taylor has made his spring outcry for all track men. At this writing twenty-odd track and field hopes have begun training for the big sixth annual relay carnival.

The runners have been taking it rather lightly for the first week, but because Coach Taylor started conditioning his men early, it is evident that he will have the boys cracking down very soon.

Tennis—1938 Achievements

Xavier

Robert Bailey—runner-up in singles
Hobart Thomas and George Stewart—runner-up in doubles

Tuskegee

Hobart Thomas and Robert Bailey—runners-up in doubles, lost to Cohen and Johnson, Xavier

Prairie View Open

Lloyd Scott—winner, men's singles

T. R. Lawson—runner-up
Mrs. Agnes Lawson—winner, women's singles

Velma Edwards—runner-up
Lawson-Lawson—winners, mixed doubles

National Tournament

Lincoln, Penn.

Mrs. Agnes Lawson—semi-finals in women's singles

L. Scott—quarter finals in men's singles

Recruits

Henley from Tuskegee
Millard of Houston

ONE GONE—THREE BACK



From left to right: Fred Alliniee, John Marion, Coach Sam B. Taylor, Curtis Marks and Von Hollins. Coach Taylor and the four fleet-footed Panther tracksters who won the Young Mile Relay Trophy last May in Tuskegee. That broad smile on Coach Taylor's face is there because this relay quartet did a record mile to give him the trophy for the second consecutive year. If the boys repeat this year, the trophy will again become the property of Prairie View for the next year.

John Marion, 880 yard runner of international fame who was graduated last year, is the only missing cog in this machine for this season, but Coach is looking forward to Simms, Batts, Sadberry, Holland or Koontz to replace him.

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Juniors	2	0	1	.833
Seniors	1	0	2	.667
Sophomores	0	1	1	.166
Freshmen	0	2	0	.000

Game Results

Seniors 20; Freshmen 0
Juniors 13; Sophomores 0
Seniors 0; Sophomores 0
Juniors 16; Freshmen 0
Juniors 0; Seniors 0

LIFE

By Hattie McGlothen

Life is like a football game, Filled with thrills on every hand, Sometimes you're up 'n sometimes you're down, Sometimes you're almost crushed to the ground.

But as you try to reach your goal, You must work both body and soul, Because the world is in the stand, Looking and criticizing on every hand.

In life you'll meet ends, centers, tackles, and guards, But you must hit your lines and hit them hard, You must tackle and be tackled, you must sometimes roll, But never let any man keep you from your goal.

PRAIRIE VIEW GROUP HOLDS FELLOWSHIP MEETING WITH TEXAS U.

Brotherhood of mankind is one of the most important phases of life. It is a phase which races have a great tendency to overlook.

On Wednesday, March 15, 1939, Mrs. W. R. Banks, Mr. H. W. Murph, Mr. O. A. Fuller, and the College Quartet went to Austin, Texas, to participate in a Fellowship meeting with the Freshman Club of the University of Texas. The meeting, which consisted of readings by Mr. Fuller, selections by the quartet and an address by Mr. Murph, was held in the University Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. Mr. Murph was in charge of the program.

Students of the University received the visitors very cordially. From the questions raised and expressions given by the students and advisers, it was one of the most interesting programs of the year. They expressed the fact that this movement will go a long way towards building up a spirit of good will between the two races, and hoped for its continuation.

The Panther Staff and Student Body take this method to express their heart-felt sympathy to P. D. Henderson, whose wife recently passed.

PANTHERETTES OF 1939

By Dorothy Johnson

On December 17, 1938, Coach S. E. Warren and the Pantherettes played their first game with Mary Allen College at Crockett, Texas. This game was what one might term as a warm up game for the Pantherettes because since this time, many victories have been brought home.

Let us take a second glance at our roster for the year 1939.

First, we see Juanita Goodlow with that hook shot of hers that has added many scores to the Pantherettes score sheet. Then, there is Ever Lee Adams who is known for her long shots, Irene Richardson, Julia Mae Hubbard, Erna Starks, Lottie Boone, Ada Brown, Eloise Freeman, and Ella Marie Thompson, ardent and eager forwards who are ready at all times.

Defending these forwards were: Dimples Coffey, whose dexterity is surpassing; Lillie Simond, who is well supplied with what is needed; Helen Marie Smith, Ernestine Limbrick, Van Betty Roberson, Alton Britt, Doris Sampson, and Ora Lee Premo, who have sufficient power and skill to guard safely any team.

In spite of the brilliant success of this team, the loss of one of its best players, Charlotte McKinney, was greatly felt. Miss McKinney was injured during the game with Mary Allen College on Prairie View's campus.

HOW WE STAND

P. V. 20, Mary Allen 24
P. V. 27, Tillotson 27
P. V. 22, Houston College 21
P. V. 35, Mary Allen 30
P. V. 31, Richards 22
P. V. 22, San Antonio 15
P. V. 18, Houston College 14
P. V. 21, Tillotson 17

Our hats are off to Coach Warren for his untiring efforts to bring us this year's women's basketball team.

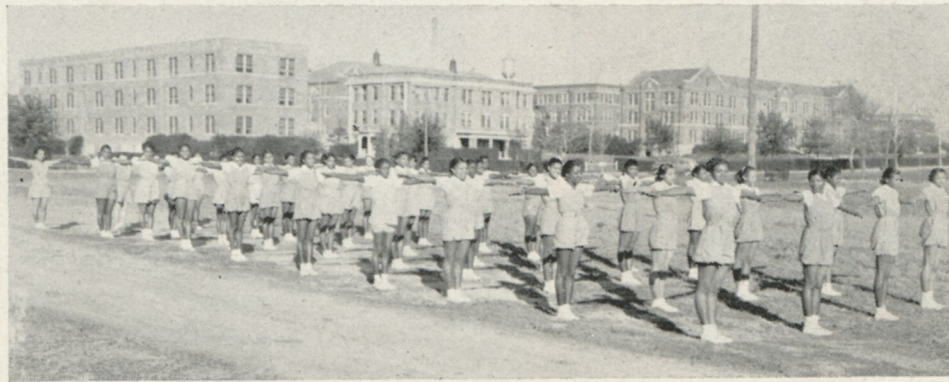
INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Mr. James R. D. Eddy, state director of industrial education, called a conference, Saturday, March 11, for school administrators, local directors, district supervisors, principals of the high schools, civic leaders, and representatives of Prairie View.

The conference had for its purpose the discussion of vocational training needs of Negroes in urban districts.

Principals of the high schools in the major cities were present and discussed these needs in a panel discussion while Mr. G. W. Reeves discussed vocational guidance and training programs already in operation.

CLASS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

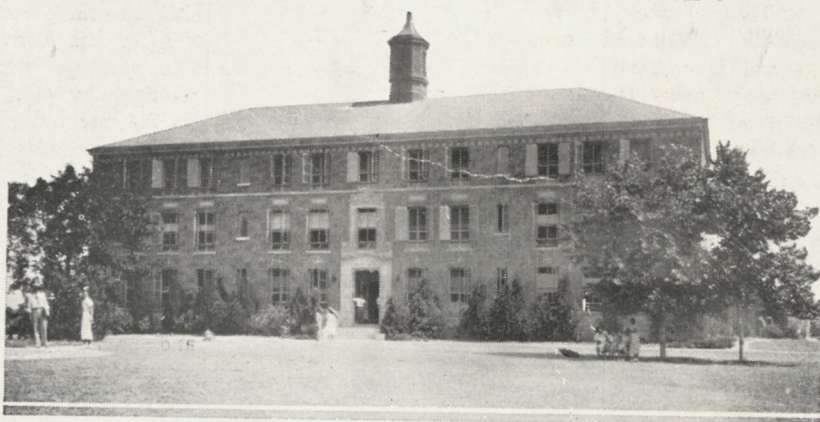


Prairie View State College has a Physical Education Department that is showing rapid progress. Above is a demonstration of one of the outdoor classes under the direction of Miss Julia Lewis. Girls are trained in games consisting of basketball, tennis, community games and dances consisting of ballroom, tapping, interpretative dancing and other forms.



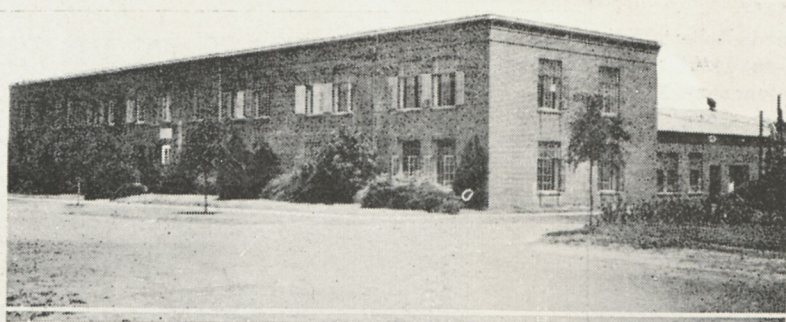
Mable Porter, "Miss Prairie View" in 1936-37, who along with Frances Ellison ("Miss Prairie View" in 1937-38), will serve in the Coronation Ceremony. Mable and Frances are Seniors.

HOST TO LIBRARIANS CONFERENCE MARCH 9



EDUCATION BUILDING

HOST TO INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE MARCH 11



INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING BUILDING



Mr. C. S. Wells, who sang at the commemorative exercises for the late James Weldon Johnson Sunday, March 12.



THE PANTHER REPORTING STAFF

Reading from left to right: Front row—Mr. G. A. Lockett (Sponsor) English Instructor, from Houston, Texas; Mr. Willie James Carter (Senior), Division of Agriculture, from Mexia, Texas; Miss Orie Doris Palmer (Junior), Division of Home Economics, from Galveston, Texas; Miss Mildred Fletcher (Junior), Division of Home Economics, from Houston, Texas; Miss Lois Matthews (Junior), Division of Home Economics, from Houston, Texas; Mrs. Doris Hennington (Junior), Division of Arts and Sciences, from Texarkana, Texas; Mr. Fred W. Armstrong (Junior), Division of Agriculture, from Paris, Texas; Mr. Casey Jones (Senior), Division of Agriculture, from Henderson, Texas.

Second row—Miss Minnette V. Long (Senior), Division of Home Economics, from Tucson, Arizona; Miss Gladys Ernestine Webster (Sophomore), Division of Home Economics, from Dallas, Texas; Miss Felecia N. Williams (Junior), Division of Home Economics, from Palestine, Texas; Miss Eudora Jefferson (Junior), Division of Home Economics, from Somerville, Texas; Miss Elma H. Coleman (Junior), Division of Home Economics, from San Antonio, Texas.

Third Row—Miss Bernice Cleveland (Junior), Division of Home Economics, from Houston, Texas; Miss Melrose Palmer (Junior), Division of Home Economics, from Cleburne, Texas; Miss Earline Saunders (Sophomore), Division of Home Economics, from Yoakum, Texas.

Fourth row—Mr. Festus T. Terry (Senior), Division of Agriculture, from Crockett, Texas; Mr. Alonzo Will Wedgeworth (Junior), Division of Agriculture, from Itasca, Texas; Mr. George Douglas Sutton (Junior), Division of Agriculture, from Fort Worth, Texas.

CHARLES GILPIN CLUB PRESENTS SECOND MAJOR PRODUCTION

By Minnette V. Long

"It was thrilling from beginning to end." "The acting was superb, and the scenery and lighting realistic." Never have I seen such truly good acting." "I have seen some good plays, but none has equaled this one." These are some of the many comments made by students who saw the play Friday night starring Professor Arthur Clifton Lamb, actor, playwright, and instructor at Prairie View.

The opening scene displayed the bright, gay colors of the emperor's palace—the emperor himself, Brutus Jones, dressed in loud colors of red and blue. The characteristic nature of the Negro was well portrayed as the laughing, easy-going, temperamental "Emperor" talked and boasted of his supremacy to Smithers, a cocky trader, played by Ahmed Rayner who continued to tease Brutus about his past. Just in case he should be captured, Brutus tells of his self-made, silver bullet—a bullet fit for "the emperor."

In the following five scenes, Brutus is fully aware that the natives search for him. Thinking that he can well find his way through the forest to safety, the emperor decides to rest and look for food which he has hidden under marked rocks. Much to his surprise and disgust he has lost his trail. Hunger, fatigue, and anger bring to his mind many sins and wrongful actions which appear to him in forms of apparitions: The night he lost his temper and shot Jess in a "crap" game; the day at the rock-pile while serving time as a convict, he killed the prison guard and made his escape; the image of the little formless fears were all brought before him. These images appear in such realistic nature that Brutus fires his pistol, using the last two bullets by shooting the terrifying alligator. Overpowered by his state of mind, he uses the silver bullet.

In scene eight "the emperor" is no longer the robust, joyful Brutus Jones who was once so sure of his every move. Terror-stricken, horrified by his many experiences the emperor is captured and shot by the native chief, Lem, portrayed by Carl Westbrook.

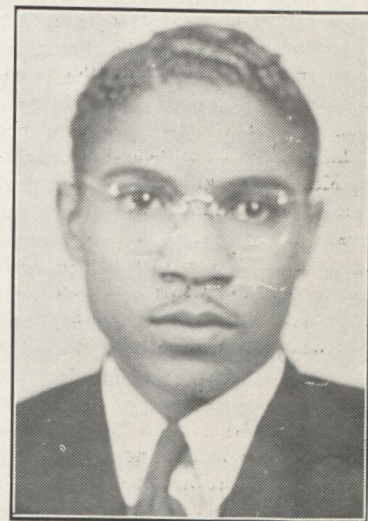
AG TIT BITS

Discussions on the annual program of the N. F. A. were made during this month's meeting.

The present demands for agriculture workers require practical efficiency in several fields. The organization plans to aid its members by sponsoring as many practicums as can be completed this school year.

This month's activity was a two-day visit to soil conservation projects in East Texas.

Practice trainees of the agricultural division have returned to the campus after a month's stay in selected rural school centers throughout the state. Reports on experiences in these communities were begun in agricultural seminar Wednesday, December 8, by Roscoe Lewis, J. W. Ainsworth and Elmo Lyons. These seminars were held every Wednesday evening at seventy-three throughout the winter season.



Alphonso Johnson, a member of the Class of '37, is now teaching at St. Phillip's Junior College in San Antonio. He recently produced a very outstanding play for the Alamo City.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON INTER-RACIAL COOPERATION

The members of Texas Commission On Interracial Cooperation held their annual meeting in the First Christian Church located on Sixth and Throckmorton Streets, Fort Worth, Texas, December 2-3 to discuss Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation, achievements and objectives.

There were many interesting topics for discussion during the meeting, but more time and attention were given to the following three: (1) History of the Education Bill, (2) Present Status of the Educational Bill, and (3) The Negro's Economic Outlook.

R. T. Hamilton a member of the Interracial cooperation committee discussed in detail the history of the educational bill. Mr. Hamilton opened his discussion by defining the educational bill as a bill to promote post graduate work for Negroes in Texas in Texas.

Many of the leading White members of Texas came together and discussed the idea very thoroughly before any one attempted to word the bill. Principally all of the White members were in favor of the idea, and were willing to present the bill before the legislature. When an attempt was made to get the bill worded for presentation it was found that it would take \$50,000 to do it. That amount of money was not available at that time, and the wording of the bill was delayed for a few years. To prevent further delay, the bill that Oklahoma passed to promote graduate education was copied with the exception that Texas was inserted in the place of Oklahoma. When the bill was presented, it failed to pass because there was not enough money in the treasury to build a school to carry on graduate work as it should be.

The present status of the bill is to provide money for transportation and maintenance for Negroes who would like to attend graduate school in another state.

As a result of student teacher's requests, the agricultural and Home Economics divisions have a large number of activities to be sponsored jointly this school year. The purpose of this plan is to acquaint students with some projects that are common to both divisions at the same time, promoting enthusiasm, unity and efficiency among these student groups.

George Durham Talks At Church

George Durham, member of the senior class at Prairie View College, addressed a large group of citizens and members of B. B. Tabernacle Church in Houston, December 1, 1938. In this speech Mr. Durham gave information on various social trends, including such social factors as the family, education, inventions, occupations, Negro employment, and Racial grouping.

In discussing the family, he gave the functions of the family, social and economic, and also the changes which have been made in these functions over a period of years. Verifying his statement with statistics, Mr. Durham discussed the transformation in the educational system in the United States since 1875. Better equipped schools have been established and are being maintained in large numbers. Free secondary schools and public normal schools have been organized by the states. He said that over two-thirds of the life span of the average man is devoted to employment. In any community one's contentment in life is dependent upon the character of the occupation in which most of the people are engaged.

By statistics Mr. Durham showed how the number of inventions have increased from 208,000 in 1890 to 820,000 in 1930, all patents granted. The social changes of today are connected with the inventions of the past and the inventions of today will no doubt shadow social changes of the future.

Mr. Durham concluded his speech by saying that it was impossible to imagine the trend of American development without including the contributions of people of other races and nationalities.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Because of the recent interest shown in softball, the cadets of the R. O. T. C. have organized a softball league.

The league is composed of seven teams. These teams are from companies A, B, C, D, the officers and the band. Other teams entered are the football boys, the N. Y. A. and the faculty.

Company A won a similar contest with four victories and no defeats. Company C finished in second place.

The winner of the league will play the faculty a three-game series and the winner of this series will play the Houston faculty a five-game series.

S W REGIONAL Y CONFAB HERE

The Southwest Regional "Y" Conference held November 20 at Prairie View College in the Education Building, had as its theme, "The Place of the Christian Minority In the Present World Conflict."

At 8:45 a. m. registration was begun by the campus "Y" Committee consisting of Miss Madelyn Freeman, a senior, Miss Annie Melba Curl, a junior, Miss Nellie Joyce Lewis, a sophomore, and Miss Aldena Howell, a junior. The following schools registered: Tillotson College, Houston College, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Rice Institute, Stephen F. Austin, San Marcos, University of Texas, A. & M. College and Prairie View College. Approximately a hundred delegates attended.

Delegates representing Prairie View were: Misses Una McGriff, president of the local Y. M. C. A., Doris Branch, a junior, Elaine Fowler, a senior, Geraldine Walker, a freshman, and Messrs. George Durham, president of the local Y. M. C. A., and Nathaniel Harden, a senior.

There was a morning session held in the library with Mr. Durham presiding. Speakers at the morning session were Miss A. L. Campbell, sponsor of the local Y. W. C. A., David Currie, student from the University of Texas and C. L. Upthegrove, professor of history here. Miss Campbell spoke on "Travels In Europe" in which she pictured vividly the problems of the Sudeten Germans, their characteristics and the sacrifices they have to make for their state. Mr. Currie gave his opinion on the subject "An American Tourist's Impression of the European Conflict." "The Munich Conference—Diagnostic and Prognostic" was discussed by Mr. Upthegrove.

Immediately after the first session, delegates went to chapel services in the Auditorium-Gymnasium at which Miss Rose Terlin, representative on World Student Christian Federation, addressed the assembly on the subject "The Position of the Christian Minority in the Face of Conflict." According to Miss Curl, Miss Terlin pointed out distinctly the necessity of being a Christian in this conflict and the part each minority group plays in the conflict.

A panel discussion subject "The Strife of Peace—What is the Way Out?" was led by A. & M. and University of Texas Students in the evening session. Miss Terlin concluded the discussion.

State Teachers Hold Annual Session In Fort Worth

By Elma H. Coleman

The State Teachers Association held its fifty-third annual convention in the I. M. Terrell High School Auditorium, Fort Worth, Texas, Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, with one of the largest attendances in the long and colorful history of the organization, which was founded at Prairie View in 1885 with the lamented L. C. Anderson, former head of the state college, as the first president.

The theme of the convention was "Education for Social-Economic Goals."

President O. J. Thomas, state director of vocational agriculture with headquarters at Prairie View, who was introduced by A. W. McDonald of Galveston, delivered his address Thursday morning following the introductory remarks given by Lorenzo M. Johnson, principal of I. M. Terrell, and welcome addresses given by Mayor T. J. Harrell of Fort Worth and W. M. Green, superintendent of Fort Worth public schools.

President Thomas stressed the need of more well trained and prepared teachers and also showed the necessity for teachers who are endowed with the right spirit to serve rather than be served in educational endeavors.

Addresses were delivered Friday morning by Victor Schoffemayer, agricultural editor of the Dallas Morning News and D. B. Taylor, state supervisor of high schools for Texas Department of Education.

In his speech, "Industry as an Aid to Agriculture," Mr. Schoffemayer said that Texas must look forward and not backward and try to develop its natural resources as it will never fully recover from the collapse of the cotton industry and the huge loss of foreign trade.

Mr. Taylor said that teachers today need more courage and vision. They must use their gray matter and not confine their teaching mainly to textbooks.

Mr. J. B. Cade, director of Arts and Sciences division of Prairie View, was chairman of the panel discussion on "Education for Social-Economic Goals," Friday morning.

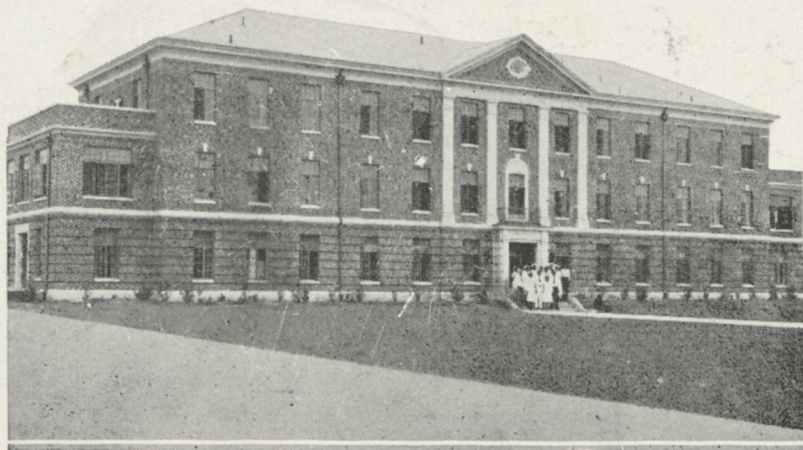
Mr. A. L. Turner, principal of Carthage High School, Carthage, was elected president of the association. He is rated as one of the leading educators and school executives of East Texas. He defeated his two opponents, Henry T. Wise, of Corsicana, and Henry B. Pemberton, Jr. of Dallas, 495 votes to 179 and 174, respectively.

Mr. S. O. Parrish, principal of Dunbar High School, Mexia, Texas, was elected as the first vice-president.

Mr. W. R. Banks, principal of Prairie View, was unanimously reelected to the executive committee.

Members of the association from Prairie View College were: Napoleon B. Edward, Executive Secretary, T. W. Jones, Physics Instructor, G. W. Reeves, Education Instructor, Agricultural Department, R. P. Perry, head of Natural Science Department.

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Marguerite Howard, a member of the Senior Class and from the Alamo City, San Antonio, Texas.



Madalyn Freeman, elected Miss Prairie View in the October election, is a member of the Senior Class and is from Kansas City, Kansas.



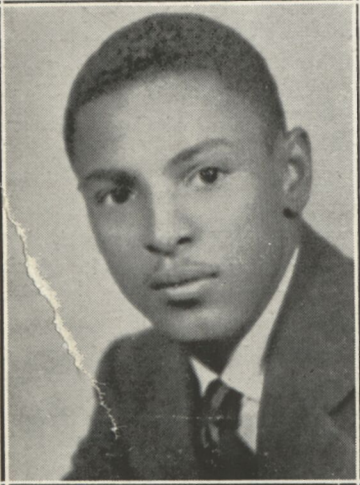
Elaine Fowler, a member of the Senior Class and from Tyler, Texas.

SCENE OF FIFTH ANNUAL PANTHER DANCE



AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM

Crowns "Miss P. V."



Lemmon C. McMillan, popular Editor-in-Chief of The Panther.

SOME OFFICERS IN THE PRAIRIE VIEW R. O. T. C.



Reading from left to right: In the first row are R. W. Hilliard, Personnel Director, Capt. Vernon Punch, Captains Wesley, Hardin, and Peterson. In the second row are First Lieutenant Sadberry, Captain Hodges, Second Lieutenants Jones and Williams, and First Lieutenant McMillan. Part of these officers will act as guards of honor and Lieut. McMillan, as Editor-in-Chief of the Panther, will crown Miss Prairie View.



Bernice Pruitt, from Marshall, Texas, a member of the class of '39.